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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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## Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006. Claims 1 - 54 are pending. Claims 1 - 54 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Claims 1 28 are said to be drawn to a touch sensitive apparatus capable of sensing bending wave vibrations through sensors coupled to active buffer circuits and an excitation transducer, classified in Class 345, subclass 173;
- Claims 29 53 are said to be drawn to a touch sensitive device and a method of use by performing a variety of calibrations and determining dimensions of the touch plate, classified in Class 345, subclass 173

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I.

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It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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